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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: ALLIED VIEWS ON SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR
WEAPON FREE ZONE (SANWFZ)

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1. AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT, FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY
OF ALLIED VIEWS ON SANWFZ AFTER ITS ADOPTION ON NOVEMBER 29
IN FIRST COMITE.

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ALL OUR ALLIES ABSTAINED
EXCEPT CANADA. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, AMONG THEM AUSTRIA,
ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS AND UK CHANGED
FROM VOTING IN FAVOR TO ABSTENTION AS RESULT OF US DECISION
TO ABSTAIN.

3. AS REGARDS ALLIED POSITIONS RE ACTION IN PLENARY,
AUSTRALIA, THE FRG, FRANCE AND DENMARK WILL ABSTAIN
WHATEVER WE DO.

4. COUNTRIES NOTED IN PARA 2, ON OTHER HAND, PROBABLY WOULD
FOLLOW OUR LEAD EITHER FOR ABSTENTION OR VOTE IN FAVOR.

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WHILE NONE OF THESE REGARD THEIR VOTE AS MAJOR FACTOR IN

THEIR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, THEY BELIEVE THAT SUPPORT FOR PAKISTANI RES IN PLENARY WOULD BE POLITICAL SIGNAL TO INDIA OF WESTERN CONCERN RE ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. THEY FURTHER BELIEVE THAT WESTERN ABSTENTION WOULD ENCOURAGE INDIA TO MAINTAIN ITS NEGATIVE POSITION RE SANWFZ. SOME ALSO HOLD THAT THERE IS INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN WESTERN ABSTENTIONS ON SANWFZ AND POSITIVE VOTE ON MIDDLE EAST NWFZ.

5. UK DEL HAS INFORMED US THAT UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL REQUEST CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT RE SANWFZ. ACCORDING TO UKDEL, LONDON HAD BEEN PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PAKISTANI RES MAINLY FOR "REGIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REASONS" DESPITE INCONSISTENCY WITH ITS VOTE IN PREVIOUS YEARS ON SAME ISSUE, AND AWARENESS THAT NUMBER OF ITS EC-9 ALLIES FAVORED ABSTENTION. WHILE UK IN ANY CASE WILL FOLLOW US LEAD IN PLENARY, UKDEL INDICATED THAT LONDON WOULD PROBABLY PREFER US DECISION TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SANWFZ.

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